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INTIMATIONS.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

PROFESSOR RUCHI WALDY, who arrived in Hongkong two months ago, but has not laid up with a severe sickness, will have the honor to give a Performance on an early date. Particulars in future advertisements.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1882. (230)

FOR SWATOW.

THE Steamship

"CHINA,"

will be despatched for the above port at 12 noon, the 2nd instant, at Day.

For Freight, or Passage, apply to

KWOK ACHONG & SONS.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. (274)

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY NEXT, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M. for the purpose of considering the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

By order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1882. (208)

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TRARS OF STAMPS of the Corporation
will be closed from the SECOND to the FIFTH
of the present month (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of Shares can be regis-
tered.

By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1882. 1270

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1882 is
posted at the SUPREME COURT HOUSE
for Inspection. Notice of any Lacunae, omissions,
omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the
Register on or before 14th February, 1882,
in accordance with the Provisions of Section 8
of the Ordinance No. 11 of 1875.

It is further notified that no person whose
name is on the List as a Juror will be ex-
cluded from the Service on the ground of any
exception to which he may be entitled, or on
the ground of any want of qualification, unless
such exemption shall have been claimed and
established, or such want of qualification duly
proved, at or before the time above specified.

C. F. A. SANGSTER,
Acting Registrar.

Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. 1271

HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE TENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION
will be held in the BOTANIC GARDEN on
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY,
the 14th and 15th February.

A POLITY SHOW will be held in connection
with the FLOWER SHOW.

The Gates will be opened at 2 P.M. 65 each.
Admission.—First day 81, Second day 20 cents.
Issuing Exhibitors are particularly requested to send **POT PLANTS** and **POLTERY** early in the 13th instant, and **VEGETABLES** and **FRUIT** and **FLOWERS** as early as possible on the morning of the 14th instant, and also to give at least Three Days' Notice of the classes in which they intend to exhibit.
FOURTY to be attended to during their stay at the Show by Exhibitors' Assistants.
Schedules of Rules and **Prizes** to be had from the Hon. Secretary.
Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., or **PAYMENT** may be made at the Gates.
CHARLES FORD,
 Honorary Secretary.
 Hongkong, 1st February, 1887.
NOTICE TO MARINERS.
 No. 144.
CHINA SEA.
CANTON RIVER AND DISTRICT.
MACAO FORT ROCK BUOY.
NOTICE is hereby given that the **MACAO FORT ROCK BUOY** referred to in Notice to Mariners No. 141 has been removed closer to the Rock in February, and now lies in 16 feet at low water spring tides.
 From the buoy the—
 North end of Macao Fort bears S 22° W. (magnetic).
 Cheungsin Fort bears S 60° E. (magnetic).
 By order of the Inspector General of Customs,
D. M. HENDERSON,

1-M. Customs,
Engineers' Office,
Shanghai, 20th December, 1881. 366

FOR SALE.

MESSES. W & T. LOCKETT'S Colo-
branded Brands *** EXPORT PALE
ALE and Thindler's **** DUBLIN STOUT
in Pints and Quarts.
• Fine OLD PORT, in cases of one dozen.
Also,
Sillery Mousseaux VIN DE CHAM-
PAGNE in cases of 2 doz. Boute and 1 doz.
Quarts.

GEOR. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. 371

NOTICE.

MR. J. LANKE has been admitted a
Partner in my Firm, and the Business
will be carried on from this date under the
name of
STEIL & LANKE. K. STEIL.

Hongkong, 1st February 1882. 374

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and during the absence of
Mr. J. BRADLER SMITH, Mr. D.
McLAURIN will act as Secretary of the Com-
pany.

Wm. RIMERS,
Chairman.
Board of Directors.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. 385

NOTICE.

WE beg to announce that we have taken
residence in Agents for the
MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of TOKIO,
at this Port.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
HONGKONG, 1st February, 1882. 1872

TO LET FURNISHED.

THE well known BINGALOW with Gar-
den, &c., on Mount Kellett, the property
of Mr. T. C. HAYLAR, Q.C. Can be inspected
at any time on application to the Watchman.

Apply to
R. G. ALFORD,
Surveyor, &c. &c.
Queen's Road
HONGKONG, 1st February, 1882. 1873

TO LET.

ROOMS in CRUISE CHAMBERS.
THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 3, Calcutta
Road. Possession from 1st of March.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPELAK & Co.
HONGKONG, 1st February, 1882. 1875

IN THE PRESS.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, &c., &c.
FOR THE YEAR 1892.
THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF PUBLICATION.

THE CHRONICLE has been considerably extended, and will, containing, among other additions, the new AMERICAN, RUSSIAN, and GERMAN TREATIES WITH CHINA, the SPANISH TREATY WITH ANNAM, and the 1891 ORDER IN COUNCIL FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF CHINA AND JAPAN.

THE DIRECTORY proper has had the ports of MALACCA, PENANG, CHUNGKING, and VLADIVOSTOK added.

THE MAPS AND PLANS have been improved by the addition of Plans of YOKOYAMA and SINGAPORE.

THE ALPHABETICAL LIST OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS will be increased by upwards of 1,100 names, and will give references to over 2,000 NEW RESIDENTS.

Orders should be sent to the Publishers Direct Press Office, Hongkong, or to the undermentioned Agents:

MAGAO.—Messrs. A. de Mello & Co.
SWATOW.—Messrs. Campbell & Co.
AMOI.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
FORSYTH.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
FOOCHOW.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
NINGPO.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
SHANGHAI.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
HONGKONG.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
YOKOYAMA.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
SINGAPORE.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
BANGKOK.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
LONDON.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
NEW YORK.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.
SAN FRANCISCO.—Messrs. Wilson, Nicholls & Co.

JOHN BRINSFORD & SONS' recently patented SOTTENETTES PATENT for the new form of wire netting, which has been adopted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Municipal Council for the purpose of fencing the new market.

NOTICE.—The undersigned, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Chemists, have been appointed by the Government to supply the Hongkong Dispensary with all the necessary medicines and chemicals.

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must be taken as such. At various times we have referred to this "defect in the jury system of Hongkong, and it was brought out in strong light in a case at the last Criminal Sessions. In the case of a man charged with larceny the jury returned a verdict of not guilty by four to three. Mr. Justice Russell, before whom the trial took place, suggested further consideration, and the jury, after a few minutes' retirement, stated that they were still not unanimous, and they found a verdict of guilty by a majority of four to three. This verdict was recorded and sentence was passed. Surely if ever there was a case where the prisoner was entitled to the benefit of the doubt this was one. The evidence was so equally balanced that it was only by one of the jurors, as to whose intelligence nothing is known, suddenly changing his mind that a conviction was secured. It appeared afterwards that the man was an old offender, and probably the verdict finally given was a correct one, but there is such a large element of doubt in the case that an impartial observer can hardly feel satisfied that there may not have been a miscarriage of justice. A verdict by a majority of one is practically the same as a decision by single individual, and such a decision can hardly command confidence. There are, however, equivalent disadvantages attaching to the English system. Although the jury of twelve is expected to return a unanimous verdict, we suspect that in a large number of cases it would be found on inquiry that the verdict was practically that of a majority only, the minority, while retaining their own opinion, submitting to the judgment of the larger number. Only a year or two ago it transpired that on a trial for murder at the Derby Assizes, the jury being equally divided, they resorted to the expedient of "tossing up" to assist them in arriving at an unanimous verdict. The result was against the prisoner, but of course the extreme penalty of the law was not enforced, a reprieve being granted under the circumstances under which the verdict was given.

The English system also gives opportunity to a recalcitrant or interested jurymen to obstruct the course of justice by holding out against his fellow jurymen until they are discharged as not being able to agree. On the whole, we are clearly of opinion that the balance of advantage lies with a jury of seven and a verdict by a majority. Some of the disadvantages attending it might, we think, be mitigated by judicious action on the part of the judges. They might, in summing up, impress on the jurors the advisability of carefully discussing the case between themselves before giving a verdict if they find they are not unanimous without discussion, but above all things we would deprecate any attempt on the part of the judges to interfere with the verdict after the jury have once clearly expressed their opinion on the case. The Ordinance says—"In the event of any of the jurors dissenting from the residue of the jury, a majority shall be held, and deemed to be the verdict of the jury." The "residue of the jury" except in capital cases, and when such verdict has been returned, we cannot but think the judge oversteps his duty if he attempts to induce the jury to alter it. He may express his dissent if he likes, and, in the case of the conviction of a prisoner, his representation would have great weight in securing a pardon. It might even be considered excusable that he should perstrain a point with the object of securing acquittal, when he is himself convinced of the prisoner's innocence, but after a jury has given in a verdict of acquittal any attempt to induce them to alter it to one of guilty must be condemned. In any case the proper course is to accept the verdict of the jury as given. A verdict suddenly changed, as the one at the last Sessions was, is not likely to command respect, and there is, besides, the question of fairness to the prisoner, who, we think, would have a perfect right to object to the jury being asked to change their verdict after it had been given in his favor. Sir John Small, notwithstanding his professional admiration for the system in force here, very frequently asked jurors to reconsider their verdict, and on the occasion now referred to Mr. Justice Russell made the same mistake—one of the very few he has made since he has been on the bench.

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The London *Globe* of the 23rd December has the following paragraph about the Governor of Queensland—"Sir Arthur Kennedy will vacate the Governorship of Queensland and return to England towards the end of next year. It is heard that Sir Arthur will be succeeded by Sir John Forrest, who is at present in the United States. Sir John is a well informed man, may have later intelligence."

Yesterday afternoon, the inquest at the Magistrate's on the body of *Sia Ahn*, which was taken out of the harbor was concluded. It appeared that on the 14th ult. the deceased, a Chinese, was charged on a sailing ship, full of deckhands, with the anchor. The notice dragged for the body, but did not recover it till the 23rd, when it was found decomposed. The jury returned a verdict of found dead.

The ship *Tanawan*, Captain Hargrave, sailed from Shields on the 14th November, 1891, for the East Indies. On the 23rd inst. it arrived at Falmouth, where it was found to be in a bad state of repair. The ship was ordered to be repaired, and the crew was ordered to be discharged. The ship was found to be in a bad state of repair, and the crew was ordered to be discharged. The ship was found to be in a bad state of repair, and the crew was ordered to be discharged.

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of *Yau Ahn*, who also met his death by drowning. The deceased was a Chinese, and was found dead in the harbor. The jury returned a verdict of found dead.

The inquest on the body of *Lo Ayan*, who died at the Hospital from an overdose of opium, was opened on the 23rd inst. The jury returned a verdict of found dead.

The British steamer *Asquith*, which arrived here yesterday, reports left Bangkok at 5.30 p.m. on 24th January, and had fair weather to Palau. The ship was found to be in a bad state of repair, and the crew was ordered to be discharged.

At the meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society, on the 19th December, Colonel V. C. B. Vice-President, in the chair, the (Col. V.) exhibited a *Lois* manuscript on red and blue ink, which had been recently discovered by Mr. C. B. V. at the British Museum. The manuscript was found to be a copy of a Chinese text, and was found to be in a bad state of repair.

In their common circular dated the 19th January, 1892, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd., inform us that the company has been ordered to leave the port.

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to remain on the Board as directors. One of our former colleagues, who is at this moment in the Colony, and a most indefatigable worker, has been asked to resign. He has been asked to resign, and he has agreed to do so. He has been asked to resign, and he has agreed to do so.

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are virtually buried; and, judging from the speeches at the Mansion House and the subsequent debates on the China question in Parliament, there would appear to be a great deal of some accessible information on the whole subject of our relations with China and this vast question of opium. I propose, therefore, in the following pages to review briefly all the leading facts so necessary to a right understanding of the point at issue.

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